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Statement by the President of the Security Council

At the 7022nd meeting of the Security Council, held on 23 August 2013, in connection with the Council's consideration of the item entitled "Reports of the Secretary-General on the Sudan", the President of the Security Council made the following statement on behalf of the Council:

"The Security Council expresses its continued support for the African Union's (AU's) efforts to facilitate Sudan's and South Sudan's implementation of their bilateral agreements and compliance with the requirements of the AU Roadmap and of Resolution 2046. The Council recalls in this regard the Communiqué adopted by the AU Peace and Security Council's (AUPSC's) Ministerial Meeting on July 29, the Communiqué adopted by the AU and the Intergovernmental Authority for Development (IGAD) on July 22, and the mechanisms outlined by the AU High-level Implementation Panel (AUHIP) Chair, President Thabo Mbeki, in his June 9 letter to President Omar al-Bashir and President Salva Kiir. It also welcomes the extension of the AUHIP's mandate.

"The Security Council expresses grave concern about continued challenges to implementation of the September 27, 2012 Cooperation Agreements, and calls on all parties to urgently: 1) implement fully and immediately the September 27 Cooperation Agreements and all other relevant agreements; 2) make effective use of the joint and other mechanisms that have been established to do so; 3) cooperate with the AUHIP, African Union and IGAD; and 4) refrain from pursuing any actions that run counter to these objectives.

"The Security Council recalls that Resolution 2046, inter alia, prohibits both states from supporting any rebel groups operating against the other State and further recalls relevant agreements between Sudan and South Sudan to that end. The Council welcomes the establishment and the commencement of work of the Ad Hoc Investigative Mechanism (AIM) to look into allegations of such support and the commitment by both governments to accept the AIM's findings.

"The Security Council welcomes the creation of the AU Border Programme Technical Team (AUBP TT) to determine conclusively the Safe Demilitarized Border Zone (SDBZ) centerline on the ground, and reiterates that the centerline of the SDBZ in no way prejudices the current or future legal status of the border, ongoing negotiations on the disputed and claimed areas,

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and demarcation of the border. The Council welcomes both governments' commitments to accept the AUBP TT's findings.

"The Security Council urges the Governments of Sudan and South Sudan to maintain dialogue to ensure continued transportation of oil from South Sudan, and the Government of Sudan to suspend any actions to halt the transportation of oil from South Sudan to allow these mechanisms to complete their work.

"The Security Council supports the AUPSC's calls for full cooperation with the Abyei Area Joint Investigation and Inquiry Committee's (AAJIIC's) investigation into the killing of a UNISFA peacekeeper and the Ngok Dinka paramount chief.

"The Security Council reiterates its grave concern about the highly volatile situation in Abyei area, and stresses that the parties must immediately implement pending aspects of the June 20, 2011 Agreement on Temporary Security and Administrative Arrangements for the Abyei Area, in particular to resolve the dispute over the Abyei Area Council and immediately establish the Abyei Area Administration and Abyei Police Service. The Council recalls their decision in Resolution 2046 that the parties must resume immediately negotiations to reach agreement on Abyei final status under the auspices of the AUHIP. In this regard, the Council calls for swift action to disarm communities in Abyei in accordance with the decision of the Abyei Joint Oversight Committee (AJOC) to turn Abyei into a weapons-free zone which it welcomed in Resolution 2104.

"The Security Council calls upon the Government of Sudan and SPLM-N to cease hostilities and engage in direct talks to end the conflict in Southern Kordofan and Blue Nile. The Council also calls on all parties to refrain from any acts of violence against civilians, to expedite safe and unhindered humanitarian access for the timely and full delivery of humanitarian aid to all civilians in urgent need of assistance in accordance with relevant provisions of international law, including international humanitarian law and the United Nations guiding principles of humanitarian assistance, and to fully respect international human rights law and international humanitarian law. In this regard, it emphasizes that those responsible for violations of international humanitarian law and violations and abuses of international human rights law must be held accountable."